

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing and favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

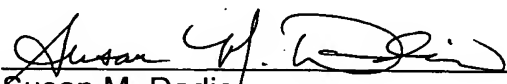
By the foregoing amendment, the title of the application has been amended, the abstract on a separate sheet has been added, and the specification has been amended to insert the paper copy of the Sequence Listing at the end of the above-identified application. Claims 1-17 have been canceled and new claims 18-34 have been added. No new matter has been added.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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